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Crop Production

Iowa: The September 1 corn yield forecast of 167.0 bushels per acre is down 10 bushels from the August 1 forecast. Corn production is forecast at 2.30 billion bushels for the state, up 7 percent from last year. Iowa's corn plant population per acre, at 30,850, and number of ears per acre, at 30,100, are at record high levels.

The September 1 soybean yield forecast of 51.0 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from the August 1 forecast. If realized, soybean production would be 465 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's 496 million bushels. Iowa's soybean pods with beans per 18 square feet, at 1,944, is second only to 2010's 2,054 level.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the United States since 2005.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August but down 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.7 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher in the Central Great Plains and along much of the Atlantic Coast. If realized, the forecasted yield in Nebraska will be a record high. Yield forecasts are below last month across the Southern Great Plains and portions of the Southeast as hot, dry conditions persisted during August. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August but down 4 percent from 2010.

September 2011 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Corn for Grain	13,050	13,750	165.0	167.0	2,153,250	2,296,250
Soybeans	9,730	9,110	51.0	51.0	496,230	464,610
UNITED STATES						
Corn for Grain	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
Soybeans	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	3,329,341	3,085,340

Iowa District Estimates: September 1

Corn, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,920	2,045	184.7	174.0	354,600	355,850
NC	1,870	2,030	175.6	173.0	328,300	351,210
NE	1,590	1,575	175.9	177.0	279,700	278,790
WC	1,975	2,070	172.1	173.0	339,800	358,140
C	1,925	2,060	167.5	170.0	322,400	350,220
EC	1,375	1,435	165.3	166.0	227,300	238,230
SW	1,015	1,045	151.9	149.0	154,200	155,720
SC	510	555	98.0	134.0	50,000	74,380
SE	870	935	111.4	143.0	96,950	133,710
State	13,050	13,750	165.0	167.0	2,153,250	2,296,250

¹ Harvested for grain ² Yield rounded

Soybeans, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,605	1,508	52.7	55.0	84,540	82,930
NC	1,285	1,208	50.8	50.5	65,245	60,995
NE	790	749	53.5	52.5	42,245	39,325
WC	1,515	1,373	51.9	51.5	78,590	70,700
C	1,395	1,313	51.2	52.5	71,390	68,925
EC	905	848	52.0	53.0	47,035	44,945
SW	960	890	49.8	47.5	47,785	42,270
SC	550	534	45.3	45.5	24,905	24,295
SE	725	687	47.6	44.0	34,495	30,225
State	9,730	9,110	51.0	51.0	496,230	464,610

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

CORN	2009-2010	2010-2011 (Est.)	2011-2012 ¹ Projections September
	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>
Beginning Stocks	1,673	1,708	920
Production	13,092	12,447	12,497
Imports	8	30	15
Supply, total	14,774	14,185	13,432
Feed & Residual	5,125	5,000	4,700
Food, Seed & Industrial	5,961	6,430	6,410
Domestic, total	11,086	11,430	11,110
Exports	1,980	1,835	1,650
Use, total	13,066	13,265	12,760
Ending Stocks, total	1,708	920	672
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	3.55	5.20	6.50-7.50

¹ Preliminary

Source: World Agricultural Outlook Board

U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

SOYBEANS	2009-2010	2010-2011 (Est.)	2011-2012 ¹ Projections September
	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>
Beginning Stocks	138	151	225
Production	3,359	3,329	3,085
Imports	15	15	15
Supply, total	3,512	3,495	3,325
Crushings	1,752	1,650	1,635
Exports	1,499	1,495	1,415
Seed	90	87	88
Residual	20	38	23
Use, total	3,361	3,270	3,161
Ending stocks	151	225	165
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	9.59	11.35	12.65-14.65

¹ Preliminary

The Agricultural Yield survey is one component of the estimation process for commodity production estimates. The Crop Production report provides critical information on expected end-of-season commodity supplies each month during the growing season. Farm operators are the greatest benefactor of this data series. The NASS estimates of supply are the official, independent, and unbiased baseline.

The *Crop Production* report is published no later than the 12th of each month. Acreage, yield, and production forecasts and estimates are prepared for the crops in season. Farm operators provide data for crops being produced on the operation. Acreage planted, acreage for harvest, and expected yield per acre are collected from each operator for the crop of interest the first month. In following months, the same sample of operators are contacted to update expected yield per acre data. Updating reported information from the same sample of operators each month provides a measure of change resulting from growing conditions.

Thank you for your participation.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Canada, July 1, 2009-2011

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Class	2009	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	14,535	13,975	13,870	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,496	5,274	5,184	98
Beef Cows	4,513	4,292	4,202	98
Milk Cows	983	982	982	100
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,313	2,202	2,231	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	638	621	662	107
For Milk Cow Replacement	453	444	447	101
Other Heifers	1,222	1,138	1,122	99
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,615	1,489	1,472	99
Bulls 1 Year and Over	249	240	235	98
Calves Under 1 Year	4,862	4,771	4,748	100
Calf Crop ¹	4,958	4,835	NA	NA

NA indicated data not available.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: *Statistics Canada*.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop, Canada, January 1, 2009-2011

[Totals may not add due to rounding. As of 2011 Sheep and Lambs are no longer surveyed in July.]

Item	2009	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	808	806	814	101
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	624	613	624	102
Replacement Lambs Under 1 Year Old	78	74	80	108
Ewes – 1 Year Old and Older	522	516	522	101
Rams – 1 Year Old and Older	24	23	23	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	184	193	190	98
Lamb Crop ¹	829	811	NA	NA

NA indicated data not available.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: *Statistics Canada*.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class, and Quarter, Canada, July 1, 2006-2011

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>					
All Hogs and Pigs	15,065	14,690	12,980	12,065	11,800	11,895	101
Kept for Breeding ¹	1,587	1,565	1,446	1,373	1,315	1,299	99
Market	13,479	13,125	11,534	10,692	10,485	10,596	101
Under 50 Pounds	NA	NA	4,488	3,956	3,890	4,200	108
50 – 119 Pounds	NA	NA	2,830	2,767	2,639	2,134	81
120 – 179 Pounds	NA	NA	1,900	1,816	1,788	2,207	123
180 Pounds and Over	NA	NA	2,316	2,152	2,168	2,055	95
Sows Farrowed	812	810	794	737	703	678	97
Pig Crop	7,875	7,903	7,802	7,322	7,001	6,818	97

NA indicated data not available.

¹ Includes boars

Source: *Statistics Canada*.

Farm Labor: Employment, Wage Rates, and Hired Workers, Regional and U.S.

Year and Month			Hired Workers ¹			
	Hired Workers <i>1,000</i>	Hours Worked <i>Hours per Week</i>	Wage Rates for Type of Worker			
			Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock	All Hired Workers

----- Dollars per Hour -----

CORN BELT II REGION²

2010

January	23	33.5	11.40	10.77	11.00	10.98
April	27	39.0	10.47	11.23	10.75	10.87
July	33	31.9	10.51	11.45	10.95	11.20
October	29	37.8	11.62	11.02	11.40	11.60

2011

January	17	36.3	11.29	10.86	11.00	11.40
April	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
July	33	37.1	12.25	11.43	12.00	12.15

UNITED STATES

2010

January	612	37.2	10.10	10.31	10.18	11.08
April	746	39.8	10.03	10.30	10.12	10.82
July	885	40.7	10.09	10.15	10.11	10.79
October	827	41.7	10.49	10.28	10.43	11.13

2011

January	602	38.9	10.23	10.52	10.35	11.29
April	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
July	836	41.3	10.24	10.28	10.25	10.90

¹ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ² Corn Belt II Region: Iowa, Missouri